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President Lyndon B. Johnson congratulates GySgt. Clovis C. Coffman after he presented the Marine with the Navy Cross. (USMC Photo by SSgt. R. E. Wilson)

President decorates Coffman during quick visit to Vietnam

DA NANG—President Lyndon B. Johnson personally pinned the Navy Cross on Marine Gunnery Sergeant Clovis C. Coffman during ceremonies at Cam Rahn Bay, Vietnam, yesterday afternoon.

"It was a day I'll never forget," said Coffman.

The 34-year-old native of Richmond, Va., earned the Nation's second highest combat decoration for "extraordinary heroism" while serving as a platoon leader with a reconnaissance patrol near Chu Lai 17 days ago.

Following the ceremonies he escorted the President through the chow line and then sat with his Commander in Chief during the evening meal.

When asked how it felt to sit down to a meal with the President of the United States, the gunny replied, "I can't really say, I have nothing to compare it to."

A member of the 1st Reconnaissance Battalion First Marine Division, Coffman was leading a 13-man patrol when they came under heavy small arms and a grenade attack from an estimated 35-50 man Viet Cong force.

During the ensuing fight he "repeatedly exposed himself to enemy fire to deploy his force and to deliver maximum fire power against the attackers," the citation said.

Although wounded himself, he removed another wounded Marine from an exposed area and continued to direct the defense

of the patrol's position. Through the effective use of supporting aircraft, he was able to get rescue helicopters into the landing zone to carry out his embattled patrol.

Wounded four times in Korea, and twice since his arrival here

six and a half months ago, less than a year ago he was working as a commercial artist in Richmond, Va. After a ten year stint as a civilian, he voluntarily returned to active duty last February, specifically for duty in Vietnam.



Adm. David L. McDonald, Chief of Naval Operations, congratulates SSgt. Walter Cohoon after presenting him the Bronze Star. LtGen. Lewis W. Walt, commanding general, III Marine Amphibious Force, congratulates HMC James K. Taber for receiving the same award. In the rear, right to left are SSgts. Sheldon J. Bathurst and John Harris who received Silver Stars. (USMC Photo by Cpl. A. C. Ferreira)

Villagers erect Memorial to Marine killed by sniper

By: LCpl Lowell L. Carson
DA NANG—A small plot of land donated by the villagers of Phu Loc hamlet was dedicated Oct. 19, honoring a Marine lance corporal who lost his life to a Viet Cong sniper nearby.

The villagers honored Lance Corporal Joseph M. Light of the 2nd Battalion, First Marine Regiment, First Marine Division.

A wooden plaque was erected bearing the inscription "Camp Light" in both Vietnamese and English. Members of "H" Company took part in the dedication ceremonies.

"Light was liked by everyone," said Private First Class Richard W. Moore, a close friend. "He was so active in the civic action program that the people of Phu Loc were always asking him into their homes for meals. The children were constantly with him," Moore said.

Light was killed while he and two other Marines were manning an observation post Sept. 16.

"He was like a big brother to all the Marines in the platoon," Moore said. "If someone was feeling down in the dumps because they had received no mail, Joe would assure them that a letter would arrive post haste. They believed him and he was usually right."

"Light would read the Bible every day and more often than not could be found reading aloud to his buddies in their tent," Moore said.

The people of Phu Loc donated the land adjoining the platoon's command post, erected the plaque and daily fly the Vietnamese flag over it.

As the chaplain read from the 49th Psalm, Marines of the 3rd Platoon, silently bowed their heads in final tribute to their fallen comrade.

MAG-16 holds formal change of command

By: Cpl. Bob Pitner

DA NANG—Colonel Kenneth L. Reusser, holder of two Navy Crosses, assumed command of Marine Aircraft Group-16 from Colonel Richard M. Hunt on Oct. 16, during formal ceremonies at the Marble Mountain Air Facility.

Colonel Reusser comes to MAG-16 from the Canadian National Defense College, Canada's highest ranking military institution, located in Kingston, Ontario. Prior to attending the college, he served as Chief of Staff, Fourth Marine Expeditionary Brigade in the Dominican Republic.

A native of Seattle, Wash., he is a veteran of both World War II and the Korean Conflict. During his 26 years in the Marine Corps, he has been awarded the Legion of Merit, five Distinguished Flying Crosses, the Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V", 13 Air Medals and a Purple Heart Medal in addition to his Navy Crosses.

Colonel Hunt is being transferred to First Marine Aircraft Wing headquarters in Da Nang to assume the duties of Wing Inspector. During his seven months as group commander, MAG-16 participated in 25 major operations in support of Marine and Republic of Vietnam ground forces.

During his 24 years in the Marine Corps, the Huntington, W. Va. native has been awarded four Distinguished Flying Crosses, 12 Air Medals, the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V", and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm.



Col. Kenneth L. Reusser (right), new commanding officer of MAG-16 stands beside his predecessor, Col. Richard M. Hunt.

VMCJ-1 receives new photo planes

DA NANG—The first flight of five RF4B photo reconnaissance jets arrived at the Da Nang air base October 28, following an in-air refueling on a non-stop trans-Pacific flight from the Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro.

The Phantoms were the first of 14 RF4Bs and EA6A Intruder jets which arrived today to replace the older RF8 Crusader jets used by VMCJ-1 of the First Marine Aircraft Wing.

On hand to greet the first flight was Major General L. B. Robertshaw, commanding general of the wing, and a group of young Vietnamese ladies who presented the arriving pilots with flowers.

The Intruder jets originally came from the Second Marine Aircraft Wing at Cherry Point, and teamed up with the Phantoms at the Third Marine Aircraft Wing's headquarters at El Toro before beginning the trans-Pac flight to Vietnam.

CNO visits Da Nang; awards combat medals

DA NANG—Admiral David L. McDonald, Chief of Naval Operations, presented Silver Star Medals to two Marine staff sergeants, and Bronze Star Medals to three Navy corpsmen and another Marine staff sergeant in ceremonies held here Oct. 29.

Staff Sergeants John A. Harris and Sheldon J. Bathurst were awarded the Nation's third highest combat decoration for heroism in battle against the Viet Cong.

Bronze Stars were awarded Chief Hospitalman James K. Taber, Staff Sergeant Walter W. Cohoon, Hospitalman Third Class Everett W. Manning and Hospitalman Third Class Terry Strickland.

In Vietnam to visit Navy and Marine Corps units, Admiral McDonald stopped at Da Nang at noon between trips to Chu Lai and Dong Ha. He was greeted by Lieutenant General Lewis W. Walt, III Marine Amphibious Force commander.

"It is encouraging that young men of this generation show the same courage whenever necessary that our forefathers showed," said the admiral.

Following the ceremony the admiral and his party had lunch at the airport then flew to Dong Ha. He returned to Da Nang the same afternoon.

Among the official guests at the ceremony were Major General H. Nickerson Jr., commanding general, First Marine Division; Major General L. B. Robertshaw, commanding general, First Marine Aircraft Wing; Major General W. B. Kyle, commanding general, Third Marine Division; and brigadier general J. E. Herbold Jr., commanding general, Force Logistics command.



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Day to remember

On November 11 we pause for a moment at 11 a.m. in recollection and silent prayer.

It may be a rainy cold day, or a day of fleecy clouds and balmy sunshine. But it always has the same meaning. It's Veterans Day.

Back in the U.S. this is the day commemorative services at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery is held.

It's a day everyone remembers. Those of us here in Vietnam have our own personal memories as we honor our comrades-in-arms. We pause and offer a prayer for those who are gone.



It has been the same since World War I—Nov. 11, 1918, to be exact. That's the day a truce ending that great war was signed.

Then came our participation in World War II, Korea and now Vietnam. Why? Because our desire is, and always has been, to preserve and protect the freedoms that we know, love and enjoy.

We fought for our freedom 190 years ago. It hasn't changed today. We're still doing it, and we'll keep right on until aggression has been stamped from the face of the earth.

We like the form of government that has been our country's heritage since its birth. We want those who come after us to enjoy the same blessings. Consequently, we have to fight and sometimes die to preserve it.

Actually, we're carrying on that portion of our heritage most dear to us. Our fathers, grandfathers, and great grandfathers did it with honor. We are no different.

Copter pilots training geared for Vietnam

EL TORO—An important part of the training received by pilots of Marine Helicopter Training Squadron-301 is in airlifting external loads.

A 1200 pound barrel of cement is the main tool used in accomplishing this phase of their training at Marine Corps Air Facility, Santa Ana, Calif.

The UH-34D helicopters flown by the squadron are fitted with pick-up hooks. Pilots train for one and one half hour periods picking

up, and depositing the barrel of cement while flying in a circular pattern.

The most difficult part of the training is to keep the "cargo" from dropping prematurely or bumping along the ground as the pilot comes in for the drop. To prevent this, the pilot depends upon direction from personnel on the ground and from his crew chief.

This training is put to good use on battlefields in Vietnam, where most of the cargo transported by helicopter has to be carried ex-

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Dear Sir:

I am writing to you in regards to the article "Operation Golden Fleece". The credit for that operation belongs to "A" Co., Lt. Bailey's platoon. They were the assault force in both villages. I was just with them because they were short of people. Lt. Bailey and his platoon did an outstanding job. I think they should have all the credit due them. They made it possible for the rest of the battalion to enter the area . . . they may be a small unit but they're a proud one. So I hope you can boost their pride by telling them what a great job they did.

Sgt. Thomas J. O'Brien

11 Marines, 1st Marine Division

—I think you've done well in telling the story yourself. Our hats are off to Lt. Bailey and his platoon—Editor

ternally.

Captain Duell D. Christian, a recent Vietnam returnee, said, "One third of all my hops were of the external load type. Anything too big to get into the cargo doors or hard to handle like concertina (barbed) wire had to be carried externally.



Pen pals wanted

This pretty rising star was born and raised in Nashville, has blonde hair and blue eyes and measures 36-22-36. She has appeared in "Where the Boys meet the Girls", "Ben Casey", and "The Nurses". Susan says that though she is an aspiring young actress, she has a profound desire to write to Marines in Vietnam. Her address is: Susan Holloway, 435 North Roxbury Drive, Beverly Hills, California.

RVN adoption law

The laws of Vietnam provide that any person with the following qualifications may adopt a minor child, if the parents or guardians of the child agree.

If the adopting person is married, either he or his spouse must be at least 25 years old and the spouse must submit written consent to the adoption. If the adopting person is unmarried, he must be at least 25 years old and must be at least 21 years older than the child to be adopted. Several children may be adopted by the same person.

The adoption deed must be executed in the presence of notarial authorities and the Civil Registrar. A lawyer should represent the adopting parents in these proceedings. A list of lawyers in Vietnam is available at the Consular Section of the U.S. Embassy. Adoption by proxy is possible in Vietnam.

Each state of the United States has its own laws concerning adoption, however, a legal adoption in Vietnam would ordinarily be considered valid in the United States.

An adopted Vietnamese child is required to have an immigrant visa in order to enter the United States. The application for this visa by the adoptive parents should be initiated long in advance of the proposed departure for the United States, even before the child is selected if possible, and at least four months prior to the departure from Vietnam of the prospective adoptive parents.

The adopted child will need two copies of his birth certificate and adoption deed with translations, and affidavit of support by his

adoptive parents, and any other documents which the U.S. consular officer may require to establish eligibility for a visa.

The child will also be required to have a medical examination. An unmarried adoptive parent may not apply for a non quota immigrant visa.

The Hoi Phuoc Thien Orphanage at 7/9 Lam Son, Saigon, the Catholic Relief Services and the Mennonite Central Committee, both at 91 Pasteur, Saigon, can provide information on orphans available for adoption in Vietnam.

Contact your legal assistance officer for complete details.

Gets Purple Heart: wounded in Korea

CHU LAI—Gunnery Sgt. Charles O. Prine of Terracina, Fla., has been looking forward to receiving the Purple Heart Medal for more than 15 years.

He got it Oct. 16 at Marine Air Base Squadron-12. The medal was presented for wounds the Marine received in December, 1950, during a different war while with the Seventh Marine Regiment in northwest Korea.

Presently serving as heavy equipment chief for the utilities section of Marine Aircraft Group -12, Prine was wounded by a hand grenade while serving with the infantry nearly 16 years ago.

"I had almost given up hope on ever receiving the medal," Prine said. "But now that I've got it, one's enough," he added with a grin.



Helpful corpsman

Hospital Corpsman Third Class Michael F. Smith fans an elderly Vietnamese woman who collapsed from heat during an evacuation of refugees south of Da Nang recently. The Marines were engaged in a search and sweep operation at the time. (Photo by LCpl John J. Williams)

Wins foot race with Phantom

DA NANG — A 25-year old Marine sergeant from Marine Composite Reconnaissance Squadron-1 ran a foot race against an Air Force F4C Phantom aircraft and won.

While working on an aircraft near the runway, Sgt. John R. Morris observed three Phantoms making a landing. The first plane's drag chute, a braking device, broke loose after it had been released by the pilot.

Blown back by the plane's jet exhaust it did not constitute a hazard to the second plane in formation. However its presence on the runway endangered the third plane should it be sucked into the engines through the intake openings.

Realizing this, Sgt. Morris leaped from the plane on which he was working. Racing in front

of the third plane, which was landing at approximately 170 miles per hour, he scooped the parachute from the runway on the run and continued to the opposite side of the runway.

In removing the chute he averted the possible loss of two men's lives and a two million dollar airplane.

For winning the race Sgt. Morris, a flight equipment man, with MAG-11 was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V".

Birthday plans

DA NANG—Marines in Vietnam plan on a parade, holiday chow and traditional cake-cutting ceremonies in observing the 191st anniversary of the founding of the United States Marine Corps on November 10th—undoubtedly the VC will throw in a couple or more unscheduled firefights to boot.

At the III Marine Amphibious Force headquarters in Da Nang, the Marines will pass in review on the parade ground flanked by the French-type "barracks" offices of LtGen. Lewis W. Walt, commanding general, and his staff.

The formal ceremonies will include reading of the traditional birthday message and messages from the Commandant and commanding generals of III MAF and its 1st and 3rd Divisions and the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing.

Troops will be fed a special holiday dinner topped with traditional cake-cutting ceremonies at the noon meal.

Holiday dinners and cake-cutting ceremonies also will be held in division and wing messhalls. Troops in the field will be fed "as good a meal as possible" under operational commitments.

If the pattern follows last year's celebrations, birthday cake will be provided field troops down to squad level in most cases.

Recon Marines pay homage to comrades killed in action

By: PFC Dave Krueger and Sgt. Mike McCusker

CHU LAI—One hundred and fifty Marines from the 1st Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division stood at attention in the open-air theater before a stage that had been converted into an altar.

The sun dipped behind the mountains. A lonely silhouette on the skyline of a hill raised a bugle to his lips and the strains of "Taps" echoed through the valley.

Two Marines were dead.

Lance Corporal James A. Barrett of Pittsburgh, Penna., and Private First Class Lawrence E. Clark of Harold, Kentucky had been killed on a reconnaissance patrol several miles south of Chu Lai almost a week before.

The Viet Cong first attacked Sunday night, Oct. 9. The small recon patrol pushed them off the grassy hill. After a heavy barrage of grenades and machine gun fire, the VC rushed the Marines again.

After a fierce fight the VC were thrown back once again.

In the few minutes that followed, Clark, Barrett and the others were warned by patrol leader Gunnery Sergeant Clovis C. Coffman, that the enemy would be back.

Grenades and machine gun fire peppered the night. The patrol dug in and held on.

The Viet Cong came back the next afternoon.

Clark was killed during the desperate fire fight that lasted over a half hour.

Sixteen VC also met their death.

Just before the helicopter came in to fly the patrol to safety, Barrett was hit by small arms fire. He was lifted aboard a chopper with the other wounded.

Two days after he was wounded, Barrett died.

"No matter how hard we try,

we cannot bring them back," Lt. Robert R. Cunningham, Recon Battalion chaplain, said to the 150 Marines at memorial services for Clark and Barrett, Sunday, Oct.

16. The late afternoon wind blew in from the sea. "We pray that they shall have everlasting life."



For your listening pleasure

LCpl. Frederick W. Ruddy (right) returns taped music to Pfc. Dennis P. Dickerson after recording his selections. Ruddy is in charge of the Marine Aircraft Group 12 newly constructed tape recording room in Chu Lai.

(USMC Photo by: Pfc. Russ Cowen)

Career advisory office aims for retention

By: LCpl. Philip Hamer

CHU LAI—"Ship me over, Sergeant Major..." The old song is familiar to most Marines, but a new and broader responsibility has been added to the traditional role of the career advisor.

At the First Marine Division Career Advisory Office, the emphasis is on career counseling, and it seems to be getting results. Since August the Chu Lai office has received and processed nearly 300 requests for overseas extensions and answered thousands of questions for Marines who want the straight story.

Centrally located in the division's headquarters area, the office serves all units of the division at Chu Lai and Da Nang.

Second Lieutenant Milton E. Carson is the career advisory officer. With two staff noncommissioned officers forming an advisory team, he visits units in the field to assist and coordinate the

program there. Problems are noted and requests are referred to the Chu Lai office for action. Two "booth" type sub-offices are planned for the Chu Lai beach area and the air freight terminal. Career advisory NCOs on duty there will answer questions and refer the men to the division office for further assistance.

First Sergeant Warren J. Parks is the career advisor Marines will meet at the central office. Since joining the career advisory office last August, Sergeant Parks has seen a successful program develop. Open seven days a week, the office provides information and guidance to an average 30-50 Marines each day. The staff tries to be experts at answering questions, administrative or otherwise.

One of the most frequently asked questions concerns the proposed 30-days paid leave bonus for a six-month Vietnam extension.

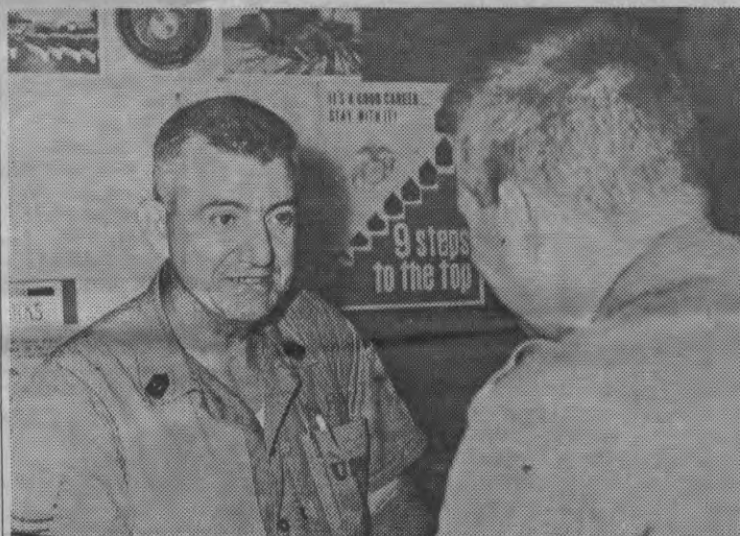
Also, many Marines want to know how long they can expect to remain stateside before being sent overseas again on normal rotation. A desire to know what benefits are already available to the serviceman, account for many questions.

The career advisory finds that many men are interested in another overseas assignment, but would like a "break" to settle down or perhaps retrain before coming back. Requests for retraining account for approximately one-third of the total, but possibilities for retraining while in Vietnam are limited by the demands of the combat situation. According to Sergeant Parks, modern Marines are seriously interested in education and training as a part of their military career.

There are problems of course. One of the biggest is how to get accurate career information to the troops in the field, and then get action on their requests. It's not always easy, considering field commitments, but the career advisory office does all it can to fill the need. According to the career advisor, an informed, satisfied Marine is the best possible advertisement for the office and its services.

When he visits the office, each Marine is counseled as an individual. "I try to talk to the men as I would to my own sons," said Sergeant Parks. "One of my boys joined the Navy, one was a Marine and the other served in the Air Force. I believe in letting men make their own decisions."

A wise decision requires accurate information. Each company, battery, battalion and regiment has a man assigned to the career advisory system. An information bulletin is prepared and distributed periodically to all units within the division.



CAREER ADVISOR—1st Sgt. Warren J. Parks answers a question for a 1st Division Marine. Sgt. Parks is career advisor for the 1st Marine Division.

(Photo by Sgt. Earl L. Lewis)

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Mail slow compared to calls, messages sent via MARS

By: Pvt. Charles Oswald
EL TORO—"Navy MARS (Military Affiliate Radio System) is the only quick means of talking with servicemen stationed in Vietnam," said Mrs. Bobbie Ward, wife of Marine Sergeant Billy Ward, presently stationed in Da Nang.

Mrs. Ward said that she has been talking with her husband via MARS since July when she found out it was possible from one of her neighbors. "I usually talk for three to five minutes, but if it is about something important, they (the MARS operators) let me talk longer," she said.

Until Mrs. Ward found out about MARS it took her 12 days to get a message to and from her husband by mail. "The conversations are so clear," she declared. "It's just like talking to someone next door on the phone."

Navy MARS at MCAS, El Toro, consists of three radio operators, Sergeant Pat Dennis, and Corporals Ed Riley and Mike Malsbary. Master Sergeant Dick Steinbaugh, has served as Non-commissioned Officer in Charge of both Amateur Radio Station (W6FCS), and MARS Station (NORSB) at El Toro since February 25.

"As busy as we are at present, we would welcome more 'phone patches' (conversation by radio-telephone hook-up) with Vietnam, the Far East, and other military bases in the United States," Steinbaugh began.

"We are not permitted to make calls to Vietnam, but we do accept calls from there," he continued. "Anyone wishing to talk with a person in Vietnam should write him and instruct him to contact the MARS station there. They, in turn, will call us at the scheduled time and we will complete the connection," explained Steinbaugh.

Besides phone patches MARS also transmits "message traffic" (short, concise messages) anywhere in the world. "The messages should contain the person's full name, address, and phone number to facilitate finding him," related Steinbaugh.

He further stated, "If proper operational conditions permit, we can get a message to a person in Vietnam and receive his reply within 24-hours."

"To place a call (phone patch), military personnel or their dependents should call El Toro MARS on the day they want to make the call, prior to the scheduled time," said Steinbaugh.

"They can call from any phone on or off base, or personally come to the station (located on the ground floor of Bldg. 6) to be connected with their party," he commented.

MARS has been handling calls from Vietnam since March 9,

1966, and currently have connections with Navy MARS stations in Da Nang and Chu Lai. "We average from 80-100 phone patches and 20 messages per day," confirmed Steinbaugh.

"Most of our schedule is operated with full kilowatt power on single-side band, making it possible to talk anywhere in the world," he added.

El Toro's Navy MARS also transmits bona fide emergency phone patches or messages anytime when it is first cleared by either the American Red Cross or station chaplain.

On occasion El Toro MARS has

placed calls for several famous people. "John Wayne and George Jessel placed calls from overseas when they were entertaining our troops there and Dorothy Lamour spoke with her Marine son in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba," confirmed Steinbaugh.

Allied troops in Vietnam weren't left out either he explained. "We have on occasion connected them with their loved ones in Belgium and Australia." This was done by a MARS connection between Vietnam and El Toro with a commercial telephone call being placed from El Toro to Belgium and Australia.



"HELLO DEAR... OVER..."—Mrs. Bobbie Ward speaks with her husband, Marine Sergeant Billy Ward, currently serving in Da Nang, Vietnam. The call was placed from their home in Calif. by "phone patch" via the Navy Military Affiliate Radio System at MCAS, El Toro. Present when the call was made were three of the Ward's five children. They are (left to right) six-month-old Lisa, and three-year-old twins, Bobby and Billy.

VMCJ-1 photo production crew has high processing mark

By: Sgt. H. G. McGrattan
DA NANG—Virtually everyone has heard the expression "one picture is worth a thousand words." To Marine ground forces fighting in Vietnamese jungles one picture, an aerial reconnaissance photo, could be worth a thousand lives.

These invaluable pictures must be provided as rapidly as possible and the five man crew comprising the processing and printing complex of Marine Composite Reconnaissance Squadron-1 meet this challenge daily.

Headed by Gunnery Sergeant Ray Sinclair, the crew, comprised of Sergeant Reggie Maddox, Corporals Warren H. Skipper, Joseph A. Janus, Paul H. Reams, Jr., and Donald R. Millar, has, on one occasion, processed and printed more than 16,500 prints from 15,500 feet of film in less than 12 hours.

Minutes after unarmed RF-8 Crusader reconnaissance jets from the squadron land, exposed film is rushed to the complex where two 250 foot rolls of film can be automatically developed and dried for printing in 15 min-

utes. Printing is accomplished by one of three methods — standard manual projection, dual automatic projection or dual continuous contact, depending upon types of prints desired. In approximately 20 minutes two rolls of film can be printed, dried and ready for distribution.

This processing and printing complex includes three vans. Each providing its own temperature-controlled filtered water to ensure uniform black and white or color printing quality. This is also necessary to prevent dust or dirt particles from obscuring details of a picture.

The vans are completely air conditioned, both for the comfort and safety of van personnel and preservation of stored chemicals, film and paper.

All processing, printing, and air conditioning equipment and the six generators for supplying electrical power for the complex is maintained by crew members.

"While the 16,500 prints in 12 hours is an extremely creditable achievement, we have not yet reached our peak," Gunnery Sergeant Sinclair stated.

Fassett, Winebar win Silver Star

DONG HA—Two Fourth Regiment, 3rd Division Marines have been awarded the Silver Star Medal for gallantry in action. Sergeant Randolph D. Fassett was cited for action during Operation Hastings. Gunnery Sergeant Edward Winebar was cited for his action in Operation Oregon.

As a platoon sergeant, Fassett was ordered to lead his platoon through jungle terrain to reinforce another unit under attack by an overwhelming enemy force.

Fighting for every one of the 600 meters, he was wounded in the neck, back and arms. Disregarding his wounds he led his men through automatic, small arms and mortar fire toward the other unit, then assaulted the enemy and drove them off. The unit captured numerous weapons and ammunition.

The platoon set up security for a landing zone and Fassett refused to be evacuated until all other casualties were taken out.

15-minute fight nets 11 kills

DONG HA—A fierce 15-minute battle in waist-high elephant grass near the Demilitarized Zone netted 11 North Vietnamese kills for a 3d Marine Division company last week on Operation Prairie.

According to the 3d Battalion, Seventh Regiment commander, Major Raymond J. O'leary, contact was made with a reinforced enemy platoon 12 miles northwest of Dong Ha, just one mile south of the DMZ.

The company was sweeping a four-hill complex when Communist soldiers were seen scrambling from spider holes. The unit attacked and drove the enemy troops off with a heavy volume of automatic weapons and rifle fire.

The unit pulled back and saturated the hill mass with artillery fire. It then moved through the enemy positions and found a huge tunnel complex leading to a large cave with several exits to the rear.

Marine casualties were light.

His citation read in part: "By his extraordinary courage in the face of hostile fire, perseverance under the most trying circumstances, and unflinching dedication to duty, Sergeant Fassett upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

Gunnery Sergeant Winebar was weapons platoon commander when it attacked heavily fortified Viet Cong positions. He was directing the firing of 3.5 inch rockets toward the entrenched enemy. When the rocket launcher exhausted its ammunition, Winebar ran through a hail of enemy bullets to two machine guns to supervise their fire.

When the unit was ordered to pull back to allow artillery and air to strike the positions, Winebar stayed behind and personally directed covering fire for the withdrawal.

He then returned to the landing zone and assisted while casualties were being evacuated under enemy fire.

School dedicated

CHU LAI—For almost a year a small, seven room, structure of wood and concrete has been progressing into a new hope for the families in the Ly Tin District in Chu Lai.

On October 19 the structure was complete. Colonel Jay W. Hubbard, commanding officer of Marine Aircraft Group-12 dedicated the school.

More than 100 children in their school uniforms waited patiently in the rains to witness the opening of the school.

The structure, built by the Vietnamese with materials provided by MAG-12 through Civil Affairs, will house classes for more than 200 students up to high school level.



Recreation hut

Col. Kermit H. Shelly, commanding officer, Force Logistic Support Group "B", cuts the ribbon marking the official opening of the ammunition supply point recreation hut Oct. 15. The hut was constructed from bamboo and straw by Vietnamese workers and will house recreation facilities for the Ammunition Supply Platoon, Supply Co., FLSG-B.

(Photo by: Gary Gaspard)

Baptism

CHU LAI — The baptism of Gunnery Sergeant Louis J. Shirley climaxed the first Protestant Monthly Rally here Oct. 9.

Shirley, a platoon sergeant with "C" Company, 9th Engineer Battalion, 1st Marine Division, was baptised in the South China Sea by Chaplain Maxie Burch, Mobile Construction Bn. (Seabees) 40.

Organized by Lieutenant Commander Harold Christian, Marine Air Group-13 chaplain, the rallies were designed to give Protestants in the Chu Lai area a chance to worship together. Meetings are held on the second Sunday of the month.

Guest speaker for the first rally was Colonel Lawrence F. Snoddy Jr., commanding officer, Seventh Marines.



GOING UP—LCpl. Richard Walker (left) and Pfc Jack A. Wyke check measurements at the construction site of the new enlisted quarters for MWSG-17, First Marine Aircraft Wing, at the Da Nang Air Base in Vietnam. They are members of the Utilities Section, Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron 17. (OFFICIAL USMC Photo by LCpl H. D. Jeffrey)

MWSG-17 building new living area

By LCpl. Woody Price

DA NANG—One of the many problems facing U.S. units in Vietnam is the condition of working and living areas, which deteriorate rapidly in the humid climate.

Upon their recent arrival in Vietnam, the men of Marine Wing Support Group-17 found their living area at the Da Nang Air Base was being threatened by the rains, which have caused much of the land to become swampy. So, they've decided it would be better to build a new area, than to attempt to clear the old.

Because of the threat of the coming monsoon season, a good drainage system would have to be installed, and the area would

have to be on higher ground. The work was started immediately, with all the members of the group participating in the project.

A new site was selected and heavy equipment was called in to fill, grade and level the land. A proper drainage system is being installed, to lead the water off the living area.

An eight-man construction crew labors through the day, but when the normal working hours are through, the men of MWSG-17 join together and saw, hammer and erect timbers by the light of hastily installed flood lamps. The work goes on into the night.

The construction of the new living area is well on its way, but the men of MWSG-17 know it's

not enough to build a suitable area, and that it must be kept in constant repair if they are to enjoy the fruits of their labor. They plan on keeping the land and structures in good condition despite the climatic conditions in Vietnam.

Double honors

DA NANG—Lieutenant Colonel Haig Denabedian received a double honor this month. He was promoted to his present rank and took command of the 2nd Battalion, First Marine Regiment, First Marine Division.

On Oct. 14, the colonel was promoted and two days later he assumed his new command.

Pilots become gunners on fire support mission

By: Cpl. Bob Pitner

DA NANG — First Lieutenants Richard Hendrie and Robert Keefe, helicopter pilots with Marine Observation Squadron-2, have first hand knowledge of the problems confronting the crewmen of their UH-1E "Huey" gunships.

The two aviators had the opportunity to serve as gunners on a fire support mission near Phu Bai.

They were returning to Da Nang from Dong Ha as passengers when the Huey, in which they were riding was called upon to provide covering fire for helicopters from Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-164 who were attempting to rescue a Marine reconnaissance team under heavy enemy fire.

A Huey gunship usually carries two crewmen, a crew chief and a gunner, who operate the aircraft's two internally mounted M-60 machine guns. Since only the crew chief was present when they were diverted, Hendrie volunteered to man the other gun.

During a strafing run, the crew

chief's gun jammed. While he attempted to clear the weapon, Keefe grabbed a spare weapon and kept up the fire.

Both Marines feel they learned a lot during the hour-long switch. Lieutenant Keefe said that it was an experience to discover just how busy the crew can be during an attack.

Lt. Hendrie summed up the experience as "different."

Find VC mines

DA NANG—Marines from the 3rd Battalion, First Marine Regiment, First Marine Division, have a healthy respect for the mine laying abilities of the Viet Cong.

While searching an area that had been "cleared" the week before, the Marines ran across a freshly dug trench line.

Sensing danger one Marine probed into the soft dirt and uncovered a mine. Others gingerly probed the area and more than 60 mines and booby traps were uncovered, including Chinese communist-made grenades rigged with trip wires.

Copter pilot wins DFC for risky ammo drop

By: Sgt. P. L. Thompson

DA NANG—Captain Terril J. Richardson, of Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 363 was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for supplying a Marine ground unit with much needed ammunition in an unusual way.

During Operation Utah, Richardson was resupplying an embattled company engaged in a fight with the Viet Cong.

The Vernal, Utah, Marine brought his UH-34D helicopter down to the marked landing zone. As his plane sat down, heavily concentrated enemy fire began raking it from all sides.

"The aerial observer with the company, also a pilot, advised

me to get out of there in a hurry," said the captain. He was forced to take-off without unloading his cargo.

Climbing to a safe altitude, he circled the area waiting for word from the ground that the firing had died down.

"After waiting for some time I asked if the Marines really needed the ammo, enough to risk another landing. The answer was a definite Yes."

Again he brought the chopper down. And again was met by a hail of small arms fire.

He said, "I knew without being told that I would not be able to land."

Hovering about twenty feet from the landing zone, Richardson ordered the crewchief of his aircraft to push the cargo out. Seconds later his plane was heading for safety.

Captain Richardson's low level drop was a success. The troops got their resupply and were able to continue the fight.

Memorial service

DONG HA — Memorial services in honor of their fellow Marines who fell in the battles for hills 362, 400 and 484 on Operation Prairie, were conducted at the 3rd Battalion, Fourth Marine Regiment command post last week.

In attendance were Brigadier General Lowell English, assistant 3rd Marine Division commander, and Lieutenant Colonel Bill Masterpool, battalion commander.

The service began with the reading of the 23rd Psalm by Chaplain Ronald Hepwell. Chaplain Stephen E. Almasy closed the services with the benediction.

Colonel Masterpool then reminded the Marines that they had fought to help free the people of Vietnam from Communist oppression.

The men listened with their heads bowed as he told them; "These men have not died in vain."

Cloud dons silver eagles

By: LCpl. Woody Price

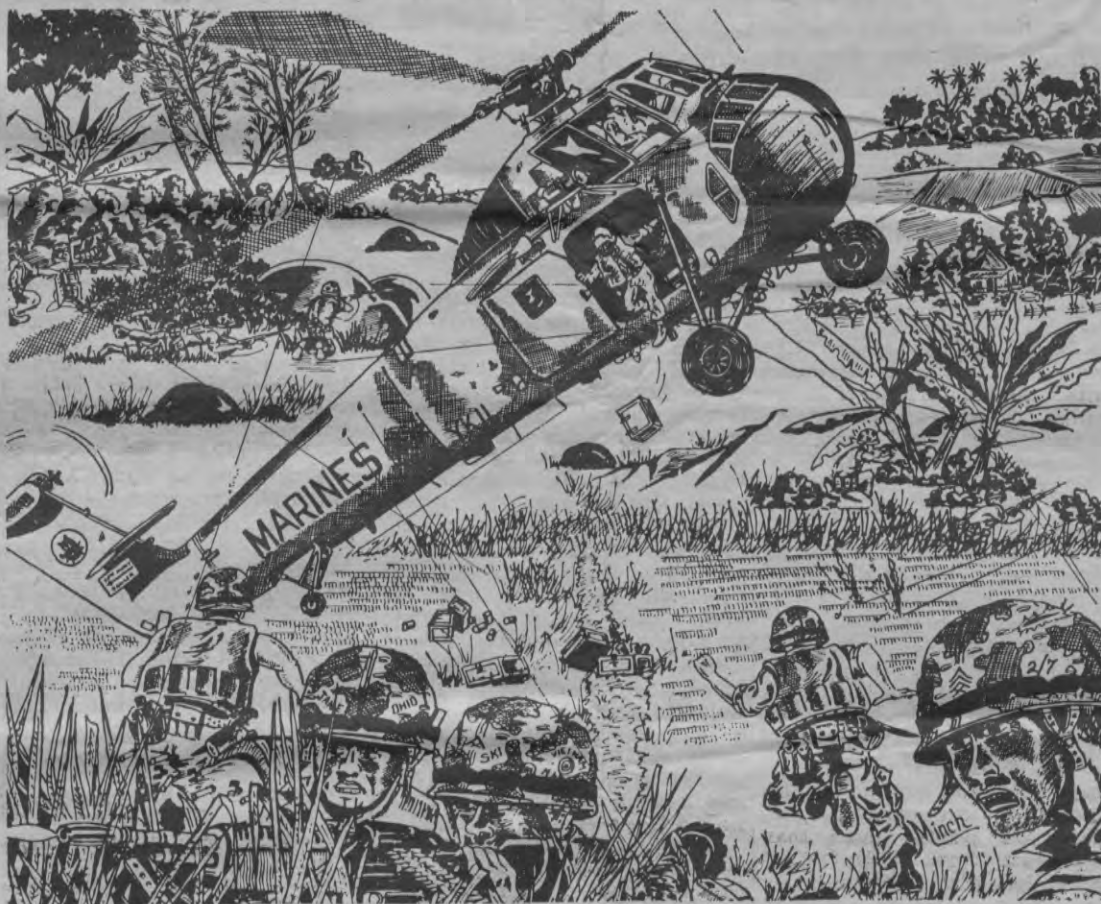
DA NANG — Colonel Guy M. Cloud, a veteran of more than 23 years in Marine aviation, donned the silver eagles of his present rank at the Da Nang Air Base, Vietnam, Oct. 18.

Colonel Cloud, who is serving as plans and reports officer, G-3, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, received his oath of appointment from Major General Louis B. Robertshaw, commanding general, 1st MAF.

He attended the University of Texas and was graduated from the University of Omaha with a Bachelor of Science degree in Military Science. Following his graduation from Naval Aviation Cadet Training at Pensacola, Fla. in June, 1943, he served as a Marine aviator in the Pacific area. He also served with Marine aviation during the Korean Conflict.

Colonel Cloud was assigned duties as 2nd MAF special weapons employment officer at the Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, N.C., when he was promoted to lieutenant colonel in September, 1960.

Prior to his assignment in Vietnam, Colonel Cloud served as commanding officer of Marine Fighter/Attack Squadron (VMFA)-513 at Cherry Point. He was executive officer of Marine Air Group (MAG)-11 at Da Nang, before joining the 1st MAF headquarters staff.



AMMO DROP—Capt. Terril J. Richardson hovers his UH-34D helicopter as the crewchief kicks out a much needed resupply ammunition to a Marine ground unit. A landing was made impossible because of the heavily concentrated enemy fire.

(USMC Combat Art By: 2ndLT. H. E. Minch)

Short Rounds

Junk sunk

DA NANG—Through the combined efforts of two squadrons from Marine Aircraft Group-36, a Viet Cong supply boat was destroyed this week along with its crew and cargo of arms and ammunition.

The VC supply junk was reported 25 miles north of Chu Lai by the Vietnamese Navy.

Huey gunships from Marine Observation Squadron-6 were sent to the scene. At the same time ten Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-165 helicopters were ordered to lift a Marine ground unit into the area if needed.

The Huey gunships began firing on the junk, while ten CH-46's carrying the reaction company, flew into the area where the Hueys and Vietnamese gunboats had beached the craft.

Troops were landed to search the area. They found the Viet Cong junk had been destroyed.

Two hours later, after the area had been searched, the CH-46's returned to the beach and lifted the troops out.

Nothing was left for the Viet Cong but a blackened hulk.

Night med-evac

DA NANG — The call came just after 10 p.m.

A marine had been wounded. Two helicopters from Marine Aircraft Group-36 responded to the call for help.

The pickup plane, a UH-34D from Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-363, piloted by Captain Thomas W. Aims took off first. Following was the chase plane, a heavily armed UH-1E from Marine Observation Squadron-6 piloted by First Lieutenant John Boden.

"Shortly after we got airborne," said Aims, "trouble started." The automatic stabilization that helps control my aircraft would not work and my radio compass failed."

Upon reaching the zone more trouble was encountered. The ground team was located on the side of a cliff ringed by 6,000 foot mountains making it impossible to land the UH-34D.

Boden asked a Marine outpost nearby to fire mortar flares into the pickup zone. At the same time Aims requested an Air Force C-117 flare ship be sent to the area.

Twenty minutes later, as the flare ship lit up the area, Aims brought his helicopter sixty feet above the trees.

As the plane hovered the crew chief lowered the hoist to the awaiting men below. The wounded man was lifted out and flown to medical treatment.

Cultural center

DA NANG—The first concert to be held at the American Cultural Center here, was given by the First Marine Aircraft Wing Band October 21, under the direction of CWO-4 Victor Shul.

Opening night ceremonies were attended by U.S. and Vietnamese dignitaries. Among them was Trung-ta Le-chi Cuong, mayor of Da Nang, and members of his council; Col. E. S. Holmgren, G-5, III Marine Amphibious Force; Capt. P. E. Matlock, civil affairs officer, Marine Wing Headquarters Group-1; Albert Ball, U.S. vice-consul and director, American Cultural Center; and Barry Ballou, director, Vietnamese-American Association.

That Mayor Cuong do-

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nated land for the Center on Doc Lap st., Ball said he hoped the Center would "grow like Da Nang itself and be part of the city's cultural life."

The auditorium will be used for concerts, lectures and meetings.

Future plans call for additional rooms to accommodate more than 1,400 English language students and an outdoor sports area.

Lucky Stuckey

DONG HA — "We were three startled individuals," said Sergeant James W. Stuckey Jr., as he described his head-on clash with two North Vietnamese soldiers on Operation Prairie last week.

"I was taking a compass reading. When I looked up, there they were, standing on the trail 25 yards away. Both of them had automatic weapons," he said.

They must have been more shook than me because I got my rifle in action first, declared the 22-year-old Seventh Marine Regiment squad leader.

"I dropped one with my first shot, and winged the other as he took off through the brush. I couldn't get another clear shot at him," Stuckey said.

The Third Division Marine added a Chinese Communist machine-gun with 100 rounds of ammunition, and a large pack to Prairie's total of captured enemy equipment.

Chief of Staff

PHU BAI — Colonel John B. Sweeney is presently serving as chief of staff, Third Marine Division, located near the former capital city of Hue in the Republic of South Vietnam.

He entered the Marines in 1941 receiving his commission in March of that year. For gallantry in action during the Guadalcanal campaign in 1942, he received the nation's second highest award for bravery, the Navy Cross.

Prairie fight

DONG HA—A 3d Marine Division company accounted for 15 North Vietnamese-kills near the Demilitarized Zone last week on Operation Prairie.

The battle was the result of a quick helicopter strike into a landing zone 1,000 yards short of the buffer zone dividing the two Vietnams.

A Fifth Regiment company swept south from the LZ to encounter a reinforced platoon. Heavy fighting broke out when enemy forces began firing automatic weapons from spider traps and reinforced bunkers.

Corporal Harry L. Spencer, a squad leader gives this account of the fire fight.

"We were moving through a hedgerow when the shooting began. At first we couldn't locate the enemy positions, so we pulled back to the hedgerow."

"I took one of my fire teams and crawled out to the right where a bomb crater gave us some protection. We located two North Vietnamese soldiers just below us in a bunker, but they spotted us before we could begin firing on them."

"One of them threw a grenade into the crater, but we got out before it went off. We then began laying down a base of fire while another platoon flanked the Communists to the left, and overran the position."

A light machinegun, a rocket launcher, six rifles, and a dozen Chinese Communist grenades were captured.



SSgt. John D. Ommondson is presented the Silver Star Medal for gallantry in action by MajGen. Wood B. Kyle, Third Marine Division commander.

(USMC Photo by SSgt. B. G. Highland)

Takes over patrol; wins Silver Star

By: GySgt. Jack Butts

PHU BAI—A 3rd Division Marine who took command of a reconnaissance patrol after his patrol leader was wounded, was awarded the Silver Star Medal for gallantry in action.

Staff Sergeant John D. Ommondson was cited for his heroic actions last June when the patrol was deep in Viet Cong controlled territory.

The 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion Marine moved to the front of the patrol through a hail of enemy bullets to take command. He then directed the unit's fire on enemy positions, and assisted in the treatment of casualties.

Ommondson then led his men to a better position and organized the defenses while under intense automatic weapons fire. He supervised the clearing of an area from which casualties could be hoisted to helicopters.

His citation read in part: "Through his inspiring leadership and competent action in the tense situation, the patrol members, along with the casualties, were safely extracted from the

VMA-224 jets destroy ship

CHU LAI—An afternoon scramble of Skyhawk jets from Marine Attack Squadron-224 destroyed an enemy ship.

Captain William R. Griffin and First Lieutenant John M. Kretsinger left the Chu Lai hot pad at Marine Aircraft Group-12 loaded with napalm bombs and 20mm cannons.

They were radioed that another strike was being made on an enemy ship approximately 14 miles north of Chu Lai.

When they approached the target area they saw a ship approximately 100 feet long engaged in a fire fight with a Navy "swift" boat which was patrolling the area.

From the air the two ships seemed to be deadlocked in their sea battle. After receiving clearance for attack the two pilots dove down on their prey.

They strafed on their first run. The second run received positive results as Captain Griffin dropped two of his napalm tanks directly on the ship's bow, putting the ship out of commission.

hazardous zone. Demonstrating a constant concern for the men in his charge, Staff Sergeant Ommondson elected to remain on the ground until all his companions were hoisted to the aircraft.

"Still receiving enemy rounds, he was the last to enter the helicopter. By his exceptional valor in the face of extreme danger with his daring initiative, and unswerving devotion to duty, Staff Sergeant Ommondson upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

Major General Wood B. Kyle, Third Marine Division commander, made the presentation.

Multi-battalion mission nets 37 VCs killed

By: MSgt. G.E. WILSON

DA NANG—A nine day, multi-battalion, U.S. Marine Corps-Army of the Republic of Vietnam (ARVN) search and destroy operation six miles south of here ended Oct. 20 with 37 Viet Cong killed, three wounded and nine captured.

Code named Operation Teton, the 3d Battalion, First Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, joined forces with the ARVN sweeping south through a sandy, forested area adjoining the South China Sea.

The operation began with a County Fair during which ARVN troops swept through three coastal hamlets, checking identification of the villagers and meeting light resistance.

Wheeling north on the leeward side of an inland waterway, the Marines swept through an innocent looking hamlet. Then, suspecting the presence of Viet Cong, they surrounded the hamlet of Tra Ko (2).

On the night of Oct. 15, a Viet Cong force trapped in the hamlet attempted a break through the Marine lines. The Marines held firm and the next day tightened the ring around the hamlet. That night the VC again and again were repulsed.

After resistance had been eliminated the Marines found the hamlet to be honeycombed with hidden caves and trenches. They discovered a cache of rice estimated at five thousand pounds,

Clean clothes no problem to MAG-13

By: SSgt. Lyn Parnell

CHU LAI — Marine Aircraft Group-13 arrived here Oct. 5, just in time for the winter monsoons.

With aircraft mechanics, maintenance men, motor transport personnel, communicators and other members of the group working in the rain and mud, keeping clothes clean and dry presented a big problem.

Six men under the direction of Sergeant Robert N. Shouse, decided to eliminate MAG-13's "Wash Day Blues."

Upon the units arrival the sergeant's men began to collect scrap lumber and nails to build a shelter for the 60 pound washer and 30 pound dryer that operates 18 hours a day, seven days a week.

Within five days after the group's arrival, sergeant Shouse's crew had set up a laundry catering to MAG-13 Marines. A door-to-door pick-up service was also started by the laundry crew. Each squadron in the MAG was assigned a certain day to have its laundry done. It is picked-up in the morning and delivered the same afternoon.

According to sergeant Shouse, it is easier to pick-up soiled laundry from a unit and return it clean than have individual Marines dropping off and picking up their own clothes.

He divides his six men into two, three-man crews. They work a nine hour shift. The other six hours are used to perform required maintenance and to give machines a rest. "We average about 1,200 pounds of clothes a day," Sergeant Shouse said.

When speaking of the makeshift laundry, the 32-year-old Marine says, "It may not look the best, but it keeps the men and clothes out of the rain and will do until our permanent building is constructed."

weapons, ammunition, documents and a typewriter. The Marines suffered light casualties.

Rifleman tracks down an enemy

DONG HA — Three grenadeladen North Vietnamese soldiers used a group of women and children for a temporary refuge near the demilitarized zone last week.

For two of them the dodge was successful; the third was tracked down and killed by a rifleman from the Fifth Marine Regiment.

The Third Marine Division company was moving through a small village on Operation Prairie when the action occurred.

Private First Class Michael B. Briggs spotted the enemy troops, who ran through the area where a woman and children were standing, and disappeared into the jungle.

"We couldn't fire for fear of hitting the civilians," said Briggs. "We pushed right through the village and into the brush."

Briggs was on the right flank of the squad when he heard the enemy soldier thrashing through the waist-high elephant grass.

"Soon as I saw him, he took off running full tilt. I fired three shots and brought him down," he said.

The soldier was carrying a half-dozen grenades.

Late football scores college and pro

Compiled From Wire Services

Saturday EAST	
Kent St. 28	Toledo 20
Colgate 21	Lehigh 15
Dickinson 14	Lebanon Valley 7
R. Macon 35	Maryland 0
Alfred 60	Ursinus 8
Rochester 40	St. Lawrence 6
Thiel 14	Carnegie Tech 7
Albright 13	Moravian 7
Grove City 14	Geneva 6
Cortland St. 27	Trenton St. 10
West Chester 33	Pittstown St. 6
Buffalo 35	Holy Cross 3
Swarthmore 34	Muhlenburg 8
Susquehanna 22	Frederick 14
Lycoming 17	Fr. & Marshall 0
Bethany 28	Case 0
Me. Maritime 12	Quonset Pt. 0
S. Connecticut 10	Hofstra 0
Notre Dame 31	Navy 0
Penn St. 33	California 15
Princeton 24	Brown 15
Dartmouth 28	Yale 13
Cornell 31	Columbia 13
Geo. Wash. 49	Furman 28
Rutgers 27	Penn 7
Villanova 13	Xavier (O.) 7
Delaware 20	Temple 14
Syracuse 33	Pittsburgh 7
Wesleyan 12	Hamilton 6
Maryland 14	S. Carolina 2
Maine 31	Colby 6
Delaware St. 22	Montclair 6
Norwich 14	Middlebury 0
Bates 35	Bowdoin 13
Connecticut 15	N. Hampshire 14
Northeastern 24	Kings Point 8
RPI 13	Worcester 0
Williams 27	Union 12
Amherst 28	Tufts 6
Springfield 25	Wagner 7
Bridgewater St. 21	Nichols 20
Cheyney St. 14	Bloomsbury 0
Gettysburg 19	Lafayette 18
W. & Lee 14	Bridgewater (Va.) 6
Glassboro 21	Frostburg 0
Bucknell 33	Rhode Island 7
Cornell 31	Columbia 6

Rutgers 16	Syracuse 33
Delaware 20	Princeton 24
Massachusetts 27	Trinity 57
C.W. Post 18	Cortland St. 27
Harvard 27	Wilkes 26
Westminster 21	Concord 20
Indiana St. 21	Shippensburg 42
Hobart 41	Ithaca 16

SOUTH	
Tennessee 38	W. & Lee 14
E. Kentucky 24	W. Virginia 14
Georgia Tech 48	Maryland 14
Wm. & Mary 22	N.C. State 42
Davidson 21	Va. Tech 23
Clemson 23	Georgia 23
Waynesburg 13	Central St. 20
Va. Union 12	Allegheny 24
Morgan St. 13	C-Newman 28
J.C. Smith 28	Alabama 27
Florida 30	A. Feay 13
Norfolk St. 22	Clark 68
Alabama A&M 36	Samford 45
Tuskegee 33	

MIDWEST	
Dayton 20	Bowling Green 17
Ill. Wesleyan 14	S.W. Mo. St. 49
Nebraska 35	Anderson 29
Wittenberg 27	Purdue 25
Michigan 28	Drake 18
Iowa 20	Michigan St. 22
Minnesota 17	Millikin 27
Concordia (Ill.) 33	St. Olaf 49
W. Mich. 35	Heidelberg 22
Bo. Green 17	Bradley 17
S. Illinois 31	N. Illinois 31
Tulsa 13	E. Mich. 16
St. Joseph's 20	Indiana St. 21
Anderson 29	Hillsdale 12
Coe 28	C. Methodist 7
Kansas 3	Oklahoma St. 14
Cent. Mich. 28	Albion 7
Hope 48	Oberlin 30
Valparaiso 20	J. Carroll 23
Bethany 28	Wooster 56
Denison 21	Muskingum 47
Whitewater St. 17	Platteville St. 26
Mich. Tech 61	G. Adolphus 7
Mayville 37	N. Dak. St. 13
Montana St. 59	

Late Saturday EAST	
Central Conn. 45	American Int. 24
Seton Hall 6	Fordham 0

SOUTH	
Mississippi 17	LSU 0
Tulane 13	Vanderbilt 12
S. Miss. 27	Richmond 0
Elizabeth City 22	Fayetteville 14
Jackson St. 28	Wiley 14
Guilford 7	Newberry 7
Jacksonville (Ala.) 19	Chattanooga 10
Knoxville 8	Fisk 0
NE La. 10	SW La. 7
Tenn. St. 31	Southern U. 9
McNeese 31	La. Coll. 0
Arlington St. 46	Tarleton 15

MIDWEST	
Ill. (Chicago) 20	Lakeland 17
Bluffton 14	Manchester 13
Washburn 21	Omaha 14
Northwestern (Wis.)	Northland 0
Beloit 34	Monmouth 20
Carthage 32	N. Central 6
Ripon 35	Calleton 13
Ferris St. 28	Wis. (Milwaukee) 28
Ottawa 13	McPherson 6
Emporia St. 27	Pitt St. 20
Central Mo. 17	NE Mo. 13
Yankton 7	Concordia (Neb.) 0
Wichita St. 9	Louisville 2
N. Mich. 24	Findlay 7
Northern St. 41	Minn.-Morris 20
Minot St. 28	Dickinson 20
Southern S.D. 44	Gen. Beadle 13
Doane (Neb.) 48	Peru 7
Midland (Neb.) 27	Sioux Falls 6
Kearney (Neb.) 36	Hastings 6
Emporia Coll. 17	Friends 13
Baker 28	Bethany (Kan.) 10
Mo. Valley 28	Austin 26
Earlham 26	Wilmington 21
Lincoln (Mo.) 28	Moorhead 14
Kan. Wesleyan 46	Sterling 14
Ball St. 31	Indiana St. 20

SOUTHWEST	
Arkansas 34	Texas A&M 28
Houston 48	Tampa 9
Memphis St. 26	W. Texas St. 14
Texas A&I 23	Sul Ross 0
Trinity 17	Tex. Lutheran 7
Grambling 19	Tex. Southern 17
New Mexico St. 50	E. New Mexico 13
Brigham Young 16	Arizona 14

FAR WEST	
UCLA 38	Air Force 13
S. Utah 7	W. New Mexico 7
Laverne 34	Cal. Tech 8
Penn St. 33	Cal. 15
Santa Clara 14	Whittier 12
Sacramento 36	Cal. Aggies 24
Nevada 41	Chico St. 31
Azusa 22	U. of S.F. 8
Redlands 51	C-Mudd 0
UC (S. Barb.) 38	San Fern St. 12
Long Beach 32	Cal. Poly (SLO) 0
L.A. St. 35	Abilene C. 7
Cal. Poly (Pomona) 43	Humboldt 22

Pro Races	
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NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE	
Eastern Conference	
W	L
St. Louis	5 1 1
Dallas	5 1 1
Cleveland	5 2 0
Washington	5 3 0
Philadelphia	4 4 0
Pittsburgh	1 5 1
New York	1 5 1
Atlanta	0 8 0

Western Conference	
W	L
Green Bay	7 1 0
Baltimore	5 2 0
San Fran.	3 3 1
Los Angeles	4 4 0
Chicago	3 3 0
Minnesota	2 4 1
Detroit	2 6 0

Sunday	
Dallas	0 24 21 7-52
Pittsburgh	7 7 7 0-21
Green Bay	0 17 7 7-31
Detroit	0 7 0 0-7
Cleveland	14 7 7 21-49
Atlanta	0 10 0 7-17
Washington	3 7 3 14-27
Philadelphia	3 3 7 0-13
Minnesota	7 0 7 14-28
San Francisco	0 0 0 0-3
Baltimore	10 7 0 0-17
Los Angeles	0 0 0 0-3

AMERICAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE	
Eastern Division	
W	L
Boston	4 2 1
New York	4 3 1
Buffalo	4 3 1
Houston	3 5 0
Miami	2 5 0

'Lady Luck' smiles twice on Marine

DA NANG—Corporal Robert R. Ridgeway of the First Marine Regiment, is a very lucky person. Twice in one week the young Marine has had an unusual incident happen to him.

One night last week Ridgeway was lying in his bunk reading when suddenly he heard a strange noise.

"My rubber mattress started to deflate and I thought it had burst a seam," he said. "It wasn't long before I smelled something burning . . . it was my bed and blanket."

"I found a piece of a 4.2 mortar illumination round under the edge of my bunk and a hole in the roof above my head," he said. "A little closer and it would have gone through the center of my bunk."

A few days later the Marine was trying to coax a snake into a tin can when he was bitten. "Lady Luck" was again with the Marine — the snake wasn't poisonous.

Smith wins Bronze Star

DONG HA—The trenchline was knee deep with mud. Corporal Michael R. Smith's squad was in it—and in trouble.

Intense automatic weapons fire from hidden North Vietnamese soldiers kept him and his Ninth Marine Regiment squad pinned down. Although wounded in the arm, he kept the situation under control.

Turning to his radio man, Smith gave the location of the enemy position for relay to his company's mortar section.

As incoming mortars began bursting among the enemy, Smith rallied his men. They began maneuvering in two-man rushes directly toward the entrenched enemy soldiers.

Once the supporting artillery fire lifted, he led his squad in an aggressive charge that routed and inflicted heavy losses on the enemy.

For his actions in the battle Smith was promoted to sergeant meritoriously, and awarded the Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V."



Dual switch

LtCol. Manning T. Jannell (left) and LtCol. Leslie L. Darbyshire exchange squadron flags during change of command ceremonies Oct. 14, at the Marine Corps Marble Mountain Air Facility, four miles south of Da Nang. Col. Jannell, former commanding officer of Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 263, assumed command of Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron 16 relieving Col. Darbyshire who took over as commander of HMM-263.

Vietnamese nurse aid to group medical staff

By: LCpl Woody Price

DA NANG—The Marine Wing Headquarters Group-1 Medical Dispensary here has a recent addition to its staff who had proved to be a definite asset during "Vietnamese Sick Call."

Nguyen Thi Ngau, known as "Maria" to the Navy doctors and corpsmen, is a 25-year-old nurse employed through the MWHG-1 Industrial Relations Office to assist the medical staff in treating local civilians.

Maria, who has been at the First Marine Aircraft Wing dispensary since Sept. 21, can speak some English and acts as an interpreter as well as a nurse. Her acquaintance with many of the local patients had helped

them overcome their fears of the alien surroundings of the dispensary.

With more than three years training at a civilian hospital in Da Nang, Maria has treated most of the common ailments suffered by the local population, including sore throats, coughs, worms, infections and minor wounds, as well as the more serious problems of dysentery, diarrhea and tuberculosis.

Under the watchful eyes of the corpsmen, Maria is not only treating Vietnamese patients, but is increasing her knowledge of illnesses and the many modern medicines used by today's Naval Medical Department.



Vietnamese Nurse Nguyen Thi Ngau (right center) bandages the arm of a small girl who was the victim of an accidental fire in her home, while HM3 Robert D. Herndon and the girl's mother look on.

(USMC Photo by LCpl H. D. Jeffrey)

Unit Chaplain

Circuit riding preacher has modern counterpart

By: SSgt. Lyn Parnell

CHU LAI—In years past the circuit riding preacher took many days to cover his territory by

horseback, taking spiritual guidance to the various American frontier towns.

Here he is not called a circuit riding preacher but the unit chaplain. He doesn't ride a horse but travels by jeep, truck, helicopter or airplane.

One such man is Navy Lieutenant Commander Harold L. Christmann, Protestant chaplain, Marine Aircraft Group 13.

"Administering to the spiritual needs of Marines can be interesting to say the least," Chaplain Christmann said.

"One Sunday, for example, following services at MAG-13, I was scheduled to travel to the Ninth Marines, three miles south of here, and then to the Republic of Korea's 2nd Marine Brigade, some 20 miles farther south near Quang Ngai, to hold services for U.S. Marines with that unit.

"Due to heavy rains no 'choppers were flying so I boarded a truck and we started down Highway No. 1. We had gone about halfway when we ran into a bridge that had apparently been destroyed a short time previously by the Viet Cong. There was nothing to do but return to Chu Lai," he added.

Chaplain Christmann has become used to situations like this. The 36-year-old native of San Antonio, Texas, entered the Naval Chaplain Corps in July 1957, after receiving his bachelor of divinity degree from Butler University, Indianapolis, Ind.

(Photo by Cpl. Paul Johnson)

VMO-2 crew chief awarded Silver Star

By: Cpl Bob Pitner

DA NANG—Bobby W. Abshire, a crew chief of Marine Observation Squadron-2, was awarded the Silver Star Medal for heroism in ceremonies at the Marble Mountain Air Facility, four miles south of Da Nang, on Oct. 16.

The award, which praised Abshire's "courage in the face of hostile fire and compassion for his wounded comrades," was presented by III Marine Amphibious

extracting wounded members of a Marine rifle platoon which had suffered casualties in fighting with the Viet Cong.

By the time Abshire's chopper and its escort reached the surrounded ground unit, the Viet Cong were still pouring intense fire from entrenched positions on all sides of the zone.

With bullets tearing into the earth all around him, Abshire dashed from the aircraft and began carrying the wounded to the chopper. The fire was so intense that one man was wounded a second time while being carried on the crew chief's back.

During the plane's eight trips into the zone while evacuating casualties, Abshire returned the enemy fire with whatever weapons were available including a .38 cal. revolver, an M-60 machine gun, a .45 cal. sub-machine gun, and an M-79 grenade launcher. He knocked out an enemy machine gun position with the grenade launcher.

At one time during the action, his helicopter was forced to return to base because of battle damage. He promptly volunteered to return on the replacement chopper.

Volunteering has become a habit with Abshire. He served in Vietnam as a squad leader in the Fourth Marine Regiment in 1965, and asked to be returned this year.

He asked for helicopter duty because, "when I was over here last year, I saw the job the choppers were doing and decided that was what I wanted to be in."



Cpl. Abshire
... Silver Star

Force commander, Lieutenant General Lewis W. Walt.

Abshire earned the nation's third highest combat decoration while on an emergency medical evacuation near Da Nang on May 26.

His UH-1E "Huey" helicopter was assigned the mission of

MAG-16 medical programs prove sincerity to villagers

By: Cpl Bob Pitner

DA NANG—On October 18, the Navy doctors and corpsmen of Marine Aircraft Group-16 proved to the people of Son Thuy that they are sincere in their desire to help the village.

For seven months the medical men and a small security force of Marines from the Marble Mountain Air Facility had paid semi-weekly visits to Son Thuy, located five miles south of Da Nang, to teach the basic rudiments of personal hygiene. The medical civil affairs programs (med-caps) were the only opportunity the villagers had to see a doctor.

Then on Oct. 14, the med-cap had uninvited guests. The doctors and corpsmen had just set up their equipment when Viet Cong snipers began firing on the village.

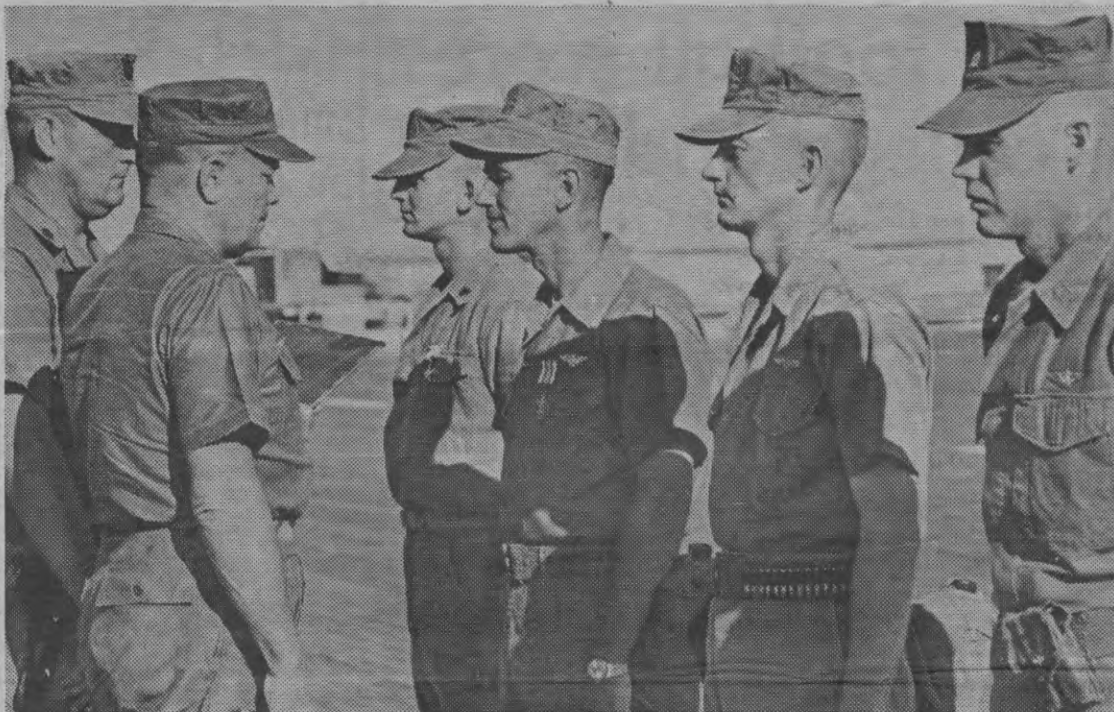
During the ensuing battle, one Marine and a villager were wounded before the VC were driven off.

On the next scheduled med-cap Oct. 18, only ten of the usual 50 or more villagers were on hand.

The Americans' return turned into a major victory over VC terrorism in Son Thuy. The next-med-cap (Oct. 22) found nearly 150 patients, mostly children, waiting for treatment.

"The people saw the VC were not going to deter us from our efforts to help them," said Hospitalman Second Class Jack Cladwell.

The 24-year-old corpsman exemplifies the spirit of MAG-16's medical personnel. Although he describes himself as a "cautious individual," he volunteers twice a week to leave the relative security of the air facility to bring medical aid to Son Thuy.



Combat awards presented

III Marine Amphibious Force commanding general, Lieutenant General Lewis W. Walt presents combat decorations to four members of Marine Aircraft Group-16 in ceremonies Oct. 16 at the Marble Mountain Air Facility. Left to right in line are: Corporal Bobby W. Abshire, who received a Silver Star Medal; Major Richard J. Blanc, Major Martin J. Williams and Capt. John O. Enockson, recipients of the Distinguished Flying Cross. Behind the general is First Sergeant James L. Shapter. (USMC Photo by Cpl P. L. Johnson)

I'll ask you: Is Askew the tallest?

By: LCpl. Lowell L. Carson

DA NANG—There's a tall story running around 1st Marine Regiment, First Marine Division, concerning a Marine who has staked claim for the title of tallest Marine in Vietnam.

He's Lance Corporal McKinley Askew of Chicago, Ill., a radio operator.

"I really think I'm the tallest Marine in Vietnam," Askew said, "but, to be on the safe side I'll settle for the title of tallest radio operator in country."

Standing six feet, eight inches, Askew said that on at least one occasion his height probably saved his life and that of his squads.

"We were on a patrol in the Phu Loc area," he said. "We didn't realize it at the time, but we got turned around in the tall grass and were headed in the wrong direction crossing into another patrol's ambush site."

"The first we knew of the danger was when a Marine yelled, 'he's too tall for a Viet Cong, hold your fire!'"

Later the Marines on the ambush told me if they hadn't seen my head bobbing thru the undergrowth they would have opened fire.

The only comment the six-eight Marine made was, "I've always enjoyed being tall, but after that experience I'm just plain thankful."



Lance Corporal McKinley Askew who claims he's the tallest radio operator in Vietnam and possibly in country, chats with a Vietnamese Popular Force soldier near the hamlet of Phu Loc. The six-foot, eight-inch Marine is a member of the 2nd Battalion First Marine Regiment, First Marine Division. (USMC Photo by Pfc. Clark D. Thomas)

Marine gets pre-med expert help

By: Sgt. P.L. Thompson

DA NANG—A Marine in Marine Aircraft Group-36, Lance Corporal Tyrone D. Thomas, is taking a pre-medical course by mail from the Bethesda (Md.) Naval Hospital.

The Ohio Marine spent one year at the University of Miami (Florida) before entering the Marine Corps in March, 1965.

"Back in the States I took a few courses from USAFI and I am taking one now in English composition," the 20-year-old Marine said. He learned he could take pre-med courses after talking to a doctor in Vietnam.

"I went to the group's medical department to see if I could read some of their books just after I got to Vietnam last July. I met a Navy doctor, Lieutenant James Patterson, who told me about the mail order pre-med course," Thomas said.

Since he has shown an interest in the medical profession, Dr. Patterson and other MAG-36 medical personnel have been a great help to Thomas.

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